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Professional Envy.

An Italian philosopher has amused himself by constructing a scale of degrees for the measurement of professional envy. The highest point in this envy measure is ten.

Architects are happily placed lowest on the scale. They register only 1; advocates and priests and military men are ranged at 2, and in the ascending scale he gives us professors of science and literature, 4; journalists, 5; authors, 8; physicians, 9; actors and actresses, 10. The small amount of envy among architects is held to be due to their precise, severe and rigid studies. The same thing applies to advocates.

Among the clergy envy is found mostly in preachers. In the military career envy is quiescent in time of peace, but becomes acute in time of war. Envy makes men of science and literature lead solitary lives, different from each other. Among physicians envy is still more prevalent, and they do not spare their colleagues, often terming them charlatans. In the actual world envy reaches its acute form, vanity playing a great part in its production.

Crows as Weather Prophets.

The belief that two crows are a happy omen and that they appear to warn men from disaster is very ancient. Alexander the Great was thus saved in Egypt by two crows, and King Alfonzo would assuredly have perished in 1147 had it not been for two crows, one of which perched on the prow and the other on the stern of his ship, so pointing the prow of the royal barge safely into port. Crows and rooks are very much alike. It is said that when rooks desert a rookery it forebodes the downfall of the family on whose property it is.

They are also credited with being good weather prognosticators. When the weather is about to be very bad, they stay as near home as possible, but when they foreknow that it will be set fair they start off in the morning right away to a distance where they have an instinct that the food they need is plentiful. Again, if the rooks are seen venturing into the streets of a town or village it is a sure sign of an approaching snowstorm—All the Year Round.

Books and Bookshelves.

"Low bookshelves," says a furniture dealer, who is a lover of books as well, "have an origin in a reason besides the caprice of fashion. Heat is injurious to the binding of choice books, drying out the natural oil of the leather and making them warp and get out of shape. Most rooms are very warm in the upper parts, and these five and six foot bookcases are a necessity rather than a notion. Cold is as hard on books as overheating, and an atmosphere that is too damp or too dry also injures them. The sun pouring in directly on the shelves fades the bindings. You can have a cheerful, sunny library and yet keep the volumes out of the sun's full power."

Breaking Up "Chatter."

The famous painter Fuseli had a great contempt for "chatter." One afternoon a party of friends paid a visit to his studio, and after a few moments spent in looking at the pictures they seated themselves and proceeded to indulge in a long and purposeless talk. At last, in one of the slight pauses, Fuseli said earnestly, "I had pork for dinner today."

"Why, my dear Mr. Fuseli," exclaimed one of the startled group, "what an extremely odd remark!"

"Is it?" said the painter ingenuously. "Why, isn't it as interesting and important as anything that has been said for the last hour?"

Parliamentary Frontiers.

On either side of the common chamber of our parliament house there is a distinct line along the floor, and any member who, when speaking, steps outside the line on his side is liable to be called to order. These lines are supposed to be scientific frontiers, and the neutral zone between is beyond the length of a sword thrust, and although members no longer wear swords, except those who are selected to move and second addresses to the throne on certain occasions, the old precaution still lingers on.—Westminster Gazette.

Unhappy Youngster.

Kind Gentleman—Why are you crying, my little lad?

Urrgh—Boo-oooh! Billy Wells hit me, an' feyther hit me because I let Billy hit me, an' Billy Wells hit me again because I told feyther, an' now feyther'll hit me again because Billy—(Exit kind gentleman).—Chums.

At Any Rate He Arouses Discussion.

Lucille—Cholly is such an uninteresting person.

Helen—Oh, I don't know. He gave rise to an animated discussion last night as to whether a person can be considered absentminded when his mind is neither here nor elsewhere—Town and Country.

Saint Consolation.

The Possessist—The longer I live in the world the worse it seems to get. The Optimist—Oh, well, don't let a little thing like that worry you. Perhaps it will be better after you get out of it.—Chicago News.

His Measure Taken.

Aggie—He told me I wuz de only girl he ever loved.

Katie—Well, when a feller talks like dat give him de googoo eyes reversed. He's nuttin' but a born dippermint!—Puck.

Virtue is not left to stand alone. He who practices it will have neighbors.—Confucius.

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Oddities of Color Blindness.

While the number of color blind persons is not very large, only about five in every hundred suffering from any defect in this respect and most of those being affected only in a minor degree, yet the phenomenon seems to assume very remarkable phases.

An oculist states that he found two persons who possessed monochromatic vision—that is to say, all colors appeared to them to be simply different shades of gray.

If the reader will look at a photograph of a landscape or, better, of a garden filled with brilliant flowers, he will be able to form an idea of the appearance which nature must present to one who suffers from the infliction called monochromatic vision.

A Kind Word.

Many a friendship, long, loyal and self-sacrificing, rested at first on no thicker a foundation than a kind word. Two men were not likely to be friends. Perhaps each of them regarded the other with something of distrust. They had possibly been set against each other by the circulation of gossip or they had been looked upon as rivals, and the success of one was regarded as incompatible with the success of the other, but a kind word, perhaps a mere report of a kind word, has been enough to be the commencement of an enduring friendship.

The Sincere.

Beeler—You are the last man I should have expected to find opposing the pensioning of government employees no longer able to work.

Heeler—When a man gets so helpless that he can't do what little work there is in a government job, he ought to be taken out and shot.—London Tilt-Bits.

No Life There.

Little Dot—What's all this talk 'bout Mars? Does folks live there?

Little Johnny—They used to live there, but they are all dead long ago.

How do you know?

I heard papa say the names of all the seas an' lakes an' islands an' things is from the dead languages."

Positive Proof.

Judge—Want proof we have that this man is absented?

Attorney—Why, he actually stopped his automobile at a watering fountain.—Philadelphia Record.

There are 227 different religious sects in Great Britain and Ireland.

The Motto That Suited.

"It would be helpful to you," said the prison visitor, "if you could take some motto and try to live up to it."

"That's right," replied the convict. "I'd like to select, for instance, 'We are here today and gone tomorrow.'"

Flattery is often a traffic of mutual meanness, where, although both parties intend deception, neither is deceived.—Colton.

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